

R. PHILIP SHIMER

January 12, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As West Virginia works to diversify its economy, the lack of available broadband infrastructure deters investment by many businesses. The integrated wireless broadband and satellite network proposed by Lightsquared would improve this situation by eliminating the barriers to access within rural communities.

While GPS manufacturers have expressed trepidation over potential interference, these concerns can be addressed. Government testing results found that LightSquared's network is compatible with the nation's 300 million cellular phones. And a number of well-known GPS manufacturers have developed filter and antenna solutions that fix interference problems for high-precision GPS devices.

The launch of Lightsquared's network could mean both jobs and growth for West Virginia. However, GPS also contributes significantly to commerce and public safety and should be protected. Please work with both of these important industries to develop a solution that allows both GPS and Lightsquared's wireless network to co-exist for the benefit West Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Philip Shimer".

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